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PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 07991.0006-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Application No.: 09/870,442) Examiner: R. Lovering
Filed: May 31, 2001)
For: METHODS FOR IMPROVING THE)
HIGH AND LOW SHEAR)
RHEOLOGY OF MINERAL)
SLURRIES AND THE PRODUCTS)
DERIVED THEREFROM)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

In response to the communication of January 22, 2004, Applicant submits a Revised Amendment to the Amendment document filed on November 17, 2003 (including the submission of the RCE).

Please associate the enclosed Revised Amendment with the application, grant any extensions of time required to enter this response, and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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REVISED AMENDMENT

Further to the Reply to the Final Office Action filed November 17, 2003, and in
Response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed January 22, 2004,
Applicant submits herewith the following revised amendment indicating the status of
original claims 1-43 as canceled. The remaining amendment is identical to that filed on
November 17, 2003.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks follow the claim amendment section of this paper.

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